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# TARA

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## DISTILLERY

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### PRIVATE CASK OWNERSHIPSHIP OFFER

THE ULTIMATE WHISKEY EXPERIENCE

We acknowledge all the Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven, the Bhwerawerri, Budawang, Jerrinja, Murramarang, Tomikin, Wandi wandandian, Wodi wodi, Yuin and associated clans of which many are Dhurga and Dharawal language speakers. We value their long, rich, cultural, and spiritual connections to the Shoalhaven area.

As you journey through the Shoalhaven, absorb the beauty of the land, its magnificent landscapes, spectacular waterways, and abundance of native flora and fauna, travel thoughtfully and respectfully, remembering the footsteps of the ancestors who walked this land before you and those who will follow.

Walawaani njindiwan (safe journey to you all)

## TARA DISTILLERY

In 2020, Tara Distillery was born – reviving the great distilling history of the Shoalhaven on the South Coast of NSW Australia. Tara commenced production of Single Pot Still Whiskey, Australian Poitín and their award-winning Pot Still Gin realising a lifelong dream, laying down the Shoalhaven’s first whiskey in over 140 years at their Nowra Hill Distillery.

Tara is not only a family name but also an archaeological site in Ireland – The Hill of Tara. Historically, it was the most important centre of royal, political, and religious power with the Five Ancients Roads of Ireland all converging there. Tara was believed to be a dwelling place of the gods and an entrance to the world of eternal joy. It is a royal and sacred place, and in historic times 142 Kings are said to have reigned in the name of Tara.

## TARA COMMUNITY

Family and community are at the heart of everything we do here at Tara Distillery. We made it our mission to be champions of Australian made and as a team we share a love of good food, fine spirits, hard work, coupled with an unwavering belief in the pursuit of excellence.

We support local farmers, agriculture, fabricators, and trades to support Australian made and invest in our local community. We are maltsters, millers, brewers, distillers, bottlers, and salespeople all rolled into one.

Cask ownership is a unique opportunity for you to become a member of the Tara Community, by investing in a piece of Australian whiskey history and reaping the rewards alongside us. Not only will you own a share of the Shoalhaven whiskey, but you’ll also become involved in something truly special, as you accompany us on our journey.

*Alanna Doherty & Ben Stephenson*  
Distillers



## WHISKEY HERITAGE

Whiskey originated in Ireland, and the name itself derives from the Irish uisce beatha, meaning 'water of life'. This was in time shortened to fuisce, pronounced 'fwishka', and later anglicised to 'whiskey'.

Before cask aging was introduced, poitín and whiskey were essentially the same spirit, separated only by the buying of a licence. Both were known as fuisce in the Irish language.

Illicit fuisce was also distilled from a selection of barley, oats, wheat, and rye using whatever was available locally or in season at the time. The grain would be malted sometimes with peat, and the skill of the distillers lay in crafting exceptional spirit using nothing more than grain, water, and yeast.

## SHOALHAVEN NSW DISTILLING HERITAGE - POITÍN & WHISKEY

Mass emigration from Ireland to the Shoalhaven occurred particularly from the 1850s to the 1880s, with one of the highest Irish populations in Australia immigrating to the towns from Kiama down the coast to Nowra.



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The local region of the Shoalhaven has more than just a passing connection with the history of Irish Whiskey and Poitín. Early local newspapers at that time write about the poitín makers. Stories of Poitín makers distilling in the surrounding mountains and hills using natural water sources, with regular shipments leaving via the river systems from Berry and Bomaderry shipping to all around Australia, the locals referring to the spirit as Poitín, and it was also sold through the local pubs and hotels at

## TARA WHISKEY

At Tara Distillery, we are first and foremost distillers, with a passion for crafting extraordinary spirits. We bring our knowledge and resourcefulness to the whiskey category as we continue production at our Nowra Hill Distillery – the Shoalhaven's first craft spirits in over 140 years.

Alarna and Ben are Australian with both families having emigrated from Ireland to Australia. Their Australian Irish culture was instilled from a young age through learning Irish dance and music which they are both heavily involved in, to this day. It was unsurprising growing up at the Irish music sessions, they developed a liking for Irish Whiskey so unlike the rest of Australia which follows the Scottish and American traditions, they instead follow the Irish style, methods, and techniques of distilling.

Alarna and Ben knew that the Irish Single Pot Still Whiskey is the style they wanted to bring to Australia. They set out to craft a truly unique and world-class whiskey, that harnesses Tara Distillery's unique natural environment, where the Australian bush meet the sea. This is a distinctly Australian spirit made with the nation's terroir while honouring Irish distilling traditions, the immigrant soul, and the pioneering spirit of the Australian people.

Tara Distillery has determinedly grown to be successful - with a natural honesty and integrity we use to craft our recipes with authenticity and excellence. Our quality whiskey is to be enjoyed and shared.

The whiskey we produce is predominantly Australian Single Pot Still and Single Malt Whiskey, reflecting historical mash bills and recipes while allowing us to experiment and innovate and forge a new era for Australian Whiskey.

## **TARA DISTILLERY**

Our distillery is influenced by our environment, the windswept south coast of NSW. We lay between the pristine white sand beaches of Jervis Bay and the stunning remote wilderness of the Morton National Park, overlooking the picturesque summit of the Cambewarra Ranges. This is a cool windswept maritime environment.

Situated on Nowra Hill, the distillery offers tours, tastings, and learning experiences in a rural setting. We handcraft a variety of spirits including whiskey, vodka, gin, and liqueurs. Though the distillery has the potential to produce quite a large amount of whiskey annually, we keep our production as hands-on as possible, producing spirits that have a true connection with the land and with the people who make them.

Designed to be as environmentally friendly as possible, and built to the highest standards of sustainability, the distillery also employs local people and contributes significantly to the region's economy with local, national, and interstate visitors. It offers a genuine Shoalhaven experience for tourists in a spectacular part of the South Coast region.

Alarna and Ben are our Head Distillers having completed study through the Institute of Brewing and Distilling as well as practical training in Ireland and Scotland. They bring their wealth of knowledge and shared passion to Tara and are key to developing each spirit at Tara Distillery with each detail being meticulously considered.

Keeping with distillery traditions Tara's Australian made copper pot stills are named after significant women. Their 2400L copper still is called Grainne. Grainne takes her name from the Irish goddess of the harvest and was also the name of the renowned daughter of the 3rd century King of Tara and High King of Ireland, Cormac mac Airt. Our smaller 600L copper pot still is called Beag (Bec). Beag was one of the Tuatha Dé Danann – an immortal race with supernatural powers in Irish mythology. Beag was known for having a magic well that would grant wisdom with one drink and foretelling with a second.

## **PRIVATE CASK OWNERSHIP OVERVIEW**

For the first time, Tara Distillery is offering a rare and unique opportunity to acquire ownership of a one-off batch of extraordinary Australian Whiskey. Whiskey that has been milled, brewed, distilled, and matured by hand using only 100% Australian grain, time-honoured techniques, and our small copper pot stills.

This has never been offered before and casks will be limited to 25 private casks for 2025.

Private Cask Ownership is a unique opportunity for you to become a member of the Tara Community by purchasing a piece of Australian whiskey history and reaping the rewards alongside us. Your investment will help us create a legacy that really matters as we forge a piece of Australian whiskey history together.

You will choose your whiskey style, unique mash bill, and your cask type and size. Upon maturation, your whiskey will be bottled at the strength of your choice as a limited hand-numbered private edition.

Whatever your choice, you'll be one of a small number of owners of this exclusive personalised expression of Tara Australian Whiskey and will possess a unique drop of Australian distilling history.

## **GRAIN TO GLASS**

Every raw ingredient sourced is 100% natural, 100% Australian. Every drop of water is harvested from local rain in Nowra Hill. Every grain of barley is grown by Australian farmers.

From milling to mashing, distilling, maturing, and bottling, every savouring mouthful of Tara malt and pot still whiskey is crafted within the quietude of our unique family distillery.

Our specially designed copper pot stills, mashtun, and fermenters were specifically designed in NSW, our boiler in QLD, and our fine oak cellars, ensure we produce a whiskey of distinct character with a real sense of place.

## **THE GRAINS**

All great whiskey begins with great grain - Tara Whiskey will be made in copper pot stills using various combinations of barley, oats, wheat, and rye. These are the grains that feature in Tara's own whiskeys, and each brings its own unique characteristic to the finished spirit.

### Barley

The main ingredient in Australian Whiskey, barley was traditionally used in its malted form. Malted barley is fruity, vivacious, and full of character. Unmalted barley is unique to the Irish style Single Pot Still Whiskey and adds distinct oiliness and an abundance of spice.

### Oats

Used extensively in Single Pot Still mash bills, as they can withstand the coarse sea air, acidic soils, and harsh growing climate. Oats give the spirit a touch of depth and creamy texture, as well as a light vibrancy.

### Wheat

Once a common ingredient of many Pot Still Whiskeys, wheat helps impart a smooth texture, adding honey sweetness but with distinct spice notes.

### Rye

Rye was often used in Pot Still Whiskey production, but sparingly so, it added a wonderfully distinct spiciness to the spirit, spicy and peppery.

### Malting

Malting is a process during which raw grain is soaked in water, causing it to sprout, then kiln-dried to halt germination. This malting process creates enzymes in the grain which help turn its starches into alcohol.



## OUR MASH BILLS

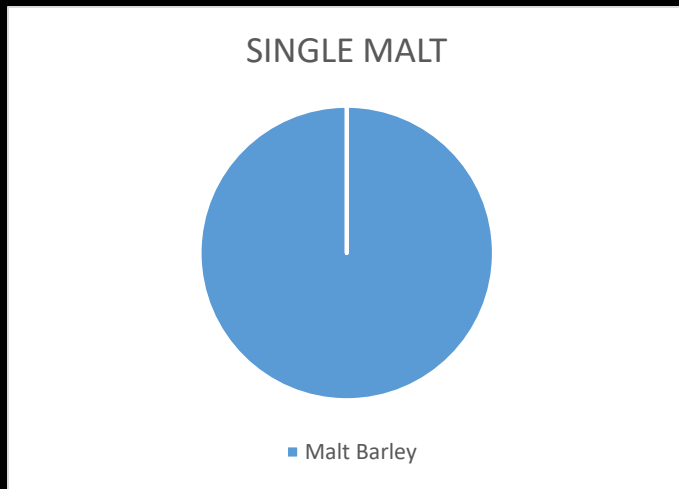
Using quality grain, our mash bills are what brings a whiskey to life, giving each style of whiskey its distinct characteristics and its defined flavours, textures, and aromas.

Drawing on our knowledge of grains used in whiskey production, we've chosen three distinct mash bills for the Tara Private Cask Whiskey.

All three mash bills contain 100% Australian grain, with our Single Malt being double distilled and our Single Pot Still Whiskey triple distilled. Double distillation creates a bolder fuller-bodied robust whiskey, while triple distilled whiskey is generally a smoother, and lighter-bodied spirit, aromatic, & refined whiskey.

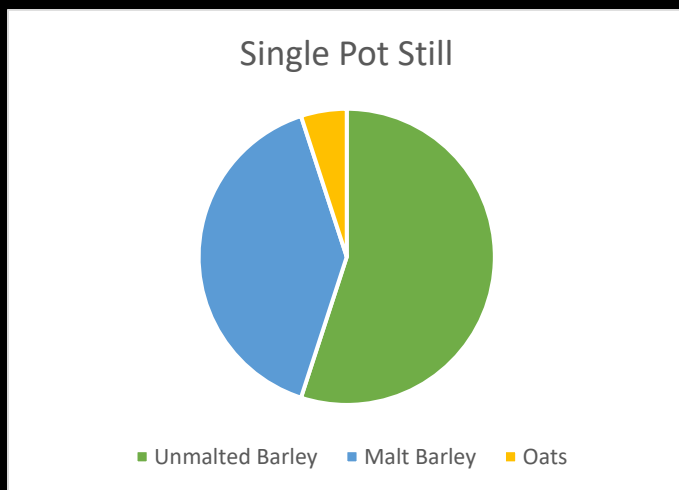
The aging and distilling process will also have a significant impact on the flavour of the whiskey, regardless of how many times it has been distilled. Ultimately the choice between double and triple distilled whiskey comes down to personal preference.

### Mash Bill One - Australian Single Malt



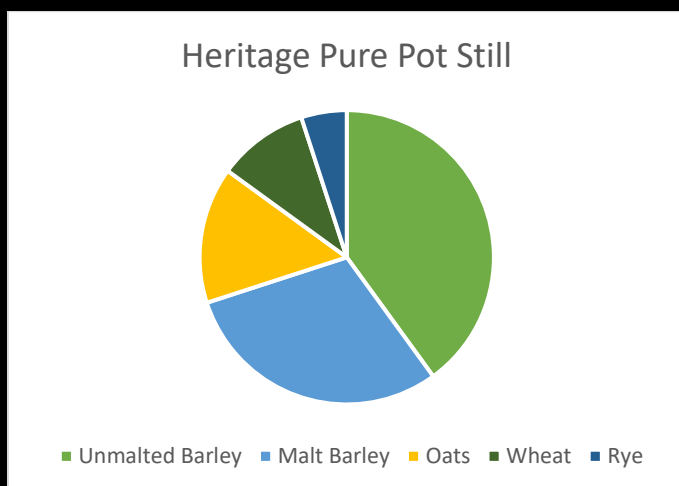
Throughout Australian and Irish distilling history barley has been the dominant grain used for whiskey distillation. Barley is sown, grown, and harvested then malted in kilns. This mash bill is 100% malted barley.

### Mash Bill Two - Australian Single Pot Still



Pot Still Whiskey was once the most popular style of whiskey in the world and is unique to Ireland due to the large percentage of (unmalted) barley used. This helps give the Pot Still Whiskey its distinctive soft, spicy flavour and rich, ripe barley character. The addition of oats adds a light vibrancy and creamy oily mouthfeel and will be triple distilled.

### Mash Bill Three - Australian Heritage Pure Pot Still



This historic mash bill is celebration of the Pure Pot Still style of whiskey produced in Ireland in the late 1800s and early 1900s during a time of mass emigration from Ireland to the Shoalhaven NSW Australia. In addition to malted and unmalted barley, a higher proportion of 'other' grains were used in whiskey production, each with a distinct influence on the spirit. This triple distilled whiskey is combination of fruitful barley, textural creamy oats, silky wheat, and spicy rye is a true expression of a time when Pot Still Whiskey was the world's most dominant whiskey.

## OUR CASKS

The type of cask used in maturation can influence the intensity of spirit character and style of whiskey. No two casks are alike, and each cask imparts its own distinct character to the liquid, resulting in a truly individual whiskey expression.

Tara Distillery typically ages in full sized casks between 200 and 500 litres. For our Private Cask Ownership, we are offering 20L, 50L, and 100L casks for maturation. The smaller casks increase surface contact which heightens interaction between the spirit and the cask, resulting in intense flavour profiles and pronounced maturity. If you are interested in a larger cask format, get in touch [hello@taradistillery.com.au](mailto:hello@taradistillery.com.au)

Tara Cask Members will have their choice of one of the following casks in which to mature their whiskey. Each will impart its own unique character and help shape the personality of the final spirit:

### Ex-Bourbon Cask

Made from American white oak (*Quercus Alba*), these custom casks use wood which previously held bourbon. They impart typical American oak notes of intense sweetness and spice, while also bestowing some of the bourbon's silky texture.

Profile: Vanilla, coconut, brown sugar, honeycomb, cinnamon, clove, & honey.

### Ex-Australian Apera Cask

Apera (Sherry) is a fortified wine. Toffee Nuttiness, dried fruit, citrus, tobacco, walnut, raisins, ginger, sweet jam, & winter spices.

When your cask is filled, your name will be stenciled on the cask head, and you will be sent a certificate of authenticity. Each Private Barrel is numbered, and casks will be filled in the order in which Cask Ownership is acquired and accepted.

## MATURATION

Each cask will be filled with Tara Distillery new make spirit and depending on the cask size and climate will take approximately 2 to 5 years to mature, with smaller casks accelerating the ageing process and wood influence.

Private Casks are matured in our barrel warehouse and can be visited annually by appointment to sample and discuss the maturation progress of your whiskey. You can also take home a 50ml sample if desired. If you are unable to visit us the samples will be sent to you with some notes from our distillers so that you can enjoy the transformation of the whiskey as it matures in the cask.

Our Distilling Team is here for you to consult with and to recommend maturation times and subsequent bottling.



## **BOTTLING**

When the whiskey is mature and ready to enjoy, we will decant your cask and prepare the whiskey for bottling. It will be bottled in our standard 700ml whiskey bottle and our Private Cask Label will be applied. We recommend bottling at 50% to best showcase the flavours of your whiskey or natural cask strength, however you can also select your own ABV strength, and our distillers will break down your whiskey accordingly with filtered water.

Maturation in wood casks will result in some liquid being lost due to evaporation as the whiskey ages. These evaporative losses are called the 'Angel's Share'. The barrel may lose, via natural evaporation through the wood, between 5-10% in spirit volume year on year due to the local climate of the Shoalhaven. This Angel's Share could be more or less, depending on climate factors such as temperature and humidity.

The number of bottles you receive from your Private Cask will depend on several factors including (but not limited to): cask, ABV, maturation time, temperature and humidity conditions during maturation and bottling strength.



## **FINER DETAILS**

### **Price and Cask Size**

20L = \$4,100

50L = \$9,100

100L = \$17,100

Plus \$280 if you wish to retain the empty barrel.

### **Maturation Period**

Between 2 and 5 years

### **Inclusions**

- All raw ingredients plus production including milling, mashing, fermenting, distilling, maturation, storage, and bottling.
- Private Consultation, yearly visits, and sampling by appointment with one of our distillers to discuss the development and maturation of your private cask.
- Storage and Insurance of your barrel in our warehouse
- Excise and GST
- Upon maturation your whiskey will be bottled and labelled with the Tara Private Cask Label
- All casks are subject to availability
- Direct collection of your cases of whiskey from the distillery by appointment

You'll also receive the following added benefits:

- Tara Distillery Certificate of Cask Ownership with your name and personal cask number
- Your name on your cask
- 10% discount on any products purchased from the distillery shop while your cask matures.
- Priority Access to special releases, limited editions, exclusive bottlings, and private distillery events

### **Exclusions**

- Freight and Freight Insurance (however we can organize on your behalf and ship bottled product upon payment of invoice)

### **Contact**

For more information and a copy of our terms and conditions, contact [hello@taradistillery.com.au](mailto:hello@taradistillery.com.au) 0422203892 or 0401167910

How To Purchase: Please visit our online shop at: [taradistillery.com/shop/privatecask](http://taradistillery.com/shop/privatecask)

A cask of Tara Whiskey for the whiskey lover's private collection - a small cask to savour yourself or to share with family and friends. We welcome you to join us and share in the joy of whiskey.

Yours sincerely,  
Alarna and Ben  
Tara Distillery